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Sir:

Further to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed September 28, 2004, in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit a copy of the Combined Search and Examination Report from the United Kingdom Patent Office, with respect to counterpart United Kingdom Patent Application No. 0508065.0 which is based on United Kingdom Patent Application No. 0408221.0, in which the following additional document was cited:

(1) U.S. Pat. No. 5,034,145, to Leising et al.

The Examiner is requested to review the United Kingdom Combined Search and Examination Report to ascertain the relevance of the documents indicated by the United Kingdom Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted document is attached hereto and is listed

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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